

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**  
 Beaumont Division  
**THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARCIA A. CRONE**

DATE: Monday, December 2, 2019  
 LOCATION: Beaumont – Courtroom 3  
 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Julia Colyer  
 COURT REPORTER: Chris Bickham  
 INTERPRETER: Ranja Hijazeen & Ghada Atich  
 CALLED: 10:50 AM  
 ADJOURNED: 5:35 PM  
 DURATION: 4 Hours 58 Minutes

CASE NUMBER: 1:17CR151-I  
 CASE NAME: USA v. Ahmed  
 DEFENDANT: MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED  
 COUNSEL: Pro Se  
Co-counsel: Geri Montalvo & David Adler  
 AUSA: Christopher Tortorice  
 DOJ: Alicia Cook & Katie Sweeten

**VOIR DIRE, JURY SELECTION & JURY TRIAL DAY I**

*This day comes the parties by their attorneys and the following proceedings are held before the Honorable Judge Marcia A. Crone in Beaumont, Texas:*

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| ✓ Jury panel sworn  | ✓ Voir dire begins  | ✓ Court impanels jury         |
| ✓ Jury sworn  | ✓ Jury trial begins   | ✓ Counsel invokes the rule    |
| Evidence presented:   | ✓ Government  | ... Defendant                 |
| Government's  | ... Exhibit List  | ... Witness List              |
| Defendant's   | ... Exhibit List  | ... Witness List              |
| ... Parties conclude all evidence                           | ... Parties present final arguments                           |                               |
| ... Court provides jury with Jury Instructions/Court Charge |   |                               |
| ... Jury begins deliberations                               | ... Jury continues deliberations                              | ... Jury submits jury note(s) |
| ... Jury reaches a verdict:                                 |   |                               |
| ... Trial ends  | ✓ Court remands defendant into the custody of the US Marshals |                               |

**ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS:**

10:50 AM Court is called. The defendant submits voir dire questions and the interpreter reads the English translations.  
 11:00 AM The jury panel enters the courtroom.  
 11:05 AM The Court addresses the jury panel.  
 11:08 AM The jury panelists introduce themselves to the Court and the parties.  
 11:15 AM The Court asks the jury panelists questions and they respond.  
 11:38 AM AUSA Tortorice introduces himself to the jury panelists. The defendant introduces himself to the jury panelists and begins to present the case. The Court verbally admonishes the defendant.  
 11:40 AM The Court reviews the list of witnesses for potential conflicts.  
 11:50 AM The Court continues to question the jury panelists, and they respond.  
 12:46 PM The Court dismisses the jury panel for lunch. Proceedings continue outside the presence of the jury panel. The defendant discusses daily transcripts for the trial.  
 12:55 PM Court adjourns. (1 hour 47 minutes)  
 2:23 PM Court resumes. The Court continues to question the jury panelists and they respond.  
 3:17 PM AUSA Christopher Tortorice begins questioning the jury panel.  
 3:22 PM The defendant begins questioning the defendant.  
 3:27 PM The Court calls a bench conference.

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3:29 PM The Court excuses the jury for a 20-minute recess. Court proceedings continue.

3:34 PM AUSA Tortorice motions to strike jurors 11, 12, and 13 for cause. The defendant has no objections.

3:36 PM Defendant motions that 61 be stricken for cause. The government has no objection. The juror is not stricken.

3:37 PM Defendant makes a motion to strike juror 58. But the defendant could not articulate a reason.

3:42 PM Juror 8 is stricken on the motion of the defendant.

3:44 PM The Court strikes juror 1 with no objections. The Court strikes juror 7 with no objections. The Court strikes juror 30 with no objections. The parties discuss jurors 17, 35, and 57 regarding hearing issues.

3:49 The Court strikes juror 23 with no objections.

3:50 PM The Court strikes juror 39 with no objections from either party.

3:55 PM The parties complete their strike lists.

4:34 PM The jury panel returns to the courtroom.

4:50 PM The Court empanels the jury and the remaining jury panelists are excused. The jury is sworn.

4:53 PM The Court gives the jury their instructions.

5:02 PM AUSA Tortorice reads the First Superseding Indictment.

5:09 PM The defendant announces that he is not guilty of all counts.

5:15 PM The Court addresses the parties.

5:20 PM Court adjourns.